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1. AS GOB FORMULATES PLANS FOR SENDING DELEGATION TO WASHINGTON FOR TECHNICAL TALKS CONCERNING COUNTERVAILING DUTY PROCEEDINGS ON SHOES, AS PER REFTEL (A), EMBASSY SHOULD CONVEY THE FOLLOWING:

(A) U.S. TEAM WOULD BE HEADED BY TREASURY DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY MATTHEW MARKS, WHOSE AREA OR RESPONSIBILITY INCLUDES THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE COUNTERVAILING DUTY LAW.

(B) ALTHOUGH NO NECESSITY TO HAVE GOB POLICY LEVEL OFFICIALS PARTICIPATE IN WHAT WILL BE A TECHNICAL DISCUSSION, IT IS NEVERTHELESS ESSENTIAL THAT MEMBERS OF GOB DELEGATION BE IN A POSITION TO CONDUCT PRODUCTIVE DIALOGUE. TREASURY WOULD EXPECT MEMBERS OF GOB DELEGATION TO BE CONFIDENTIAL

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ABLE TO EXPLAIN IN DEPTH BACKGROUND AND FULL DETAILS OF

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ASSIST PROGRAMS FOR SHOE EXPORTS.

2. FYI: TREASURY CONCERNED THAT PROBABLE GOB DELEGATION DESCRIBED IN REFTEL (B) MAY NOT BE IN POSITION TO ADDRESS ALL NECESSARY QUESTIONS WHICH ARE LIKELY TO BE RAISED DURING TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS. AS EMBASSY AWARE, TREASURY IS UNDER CONSIDERABLE DOMESTIC PRESSURE TO TAKE ACTION ON

BRAZILIAN FOOTWEAR COMPLAINT. THEREFORE, GOB DELEGATION SHOULD BE ABLE TO PROVIDE ON-THE-SPOT ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS LIKELY TO BE RAISED DURING WASHINGTON MEETINGS SO THAT TREASURY CAN PROCEED WITH INVESTIGATION IN TIMELY FASHION. ANY FURTHER DELAYS AT THIS STAGE IN THE INVESTIGATION IN OBTAINING INFORMATION ABOUT BRAZILIAN SUBSIDY PROGRAMS WOULD BE COUNTERPRODUCTIVE AND PROBABLY ADVERSE TO BRAZILIAN INTERESTS. END FYI.

3. IN VIEW OF ABOVE, DEPARTMENT REQUESTS AMBASSADOR TO PERSONALLY URGE GOB TO SEND TECHNICAL DELEGATION WHICH CAN RESPOND TO QUESTIONS ON ALL RELEVANT ISSUES. KISSINGER

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